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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended). A nonwoven fabric for cleaning applications comprising;

- a) a precursor web;
- b) a three-dimensional image transfer device;
- c) hydroentangling said precursor web on said image transfer device to form an a three-dimensionally imaged nonwoven fabric formed by hydroentanglement on a three-dimensional image transfer device and having fibrous surface projections extending from a fibrous support plane and comprising wherein said fibrous surface projections are at least 25% of the thickness of the overall support plane; and
- d) wherein said fibrous surface projections are wave-like in form and form air passageways parallel to the fibrous support plane.

Claim 2 (currently amended). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the precursor web imaged nonwoven fabric is comprised of staple length fibers.

Claim 3 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 2, wherein the staple length fibers include surface modification agents.

Claim 4 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 3, wherein the surface modification agents are selected from the group consisting of hydrophobic modifiers and hydrophilic modifiers.

Claim 5 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 2, wherein the staple length fibers include the incorporation of melt additives.

Claim 6 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 5, wherein the melt additives are selected from the group consisting of hydrophobic modifiers and hydrophilic modifiers.

Claim 7 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 2, wherein the staple length fibers are selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers, thermoset polymers, and natural fibers.

Claim 8 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyolefin.

Claim 9 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyester.

Claim 10 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide.

Claim 11 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the staple length fibers have a denier within the range of about 0.8 to 15.

Claim 12 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 7, wherein the staple length fibers have a denier within the range of 1 to 6 denier.

Claim 13 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the staple length fibers have a staple length within the range of about 0.25 to 6 inches.

Claim 14 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 13, wherein the staple length fibers have a staple length within the range of about 1 to 2 inches.

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Claim 15 (currently amended). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the precursor web imaged nonwoven fabric is hydroentangled on a foraminous surface prior to said step of hydroentangling said web on said image transfer device.

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a basis weight within the range of about 1.0 to 6.0 ounces per square yard.

Claim 19 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 19, wherein the fabric has a basis weight within the range of about 3.0 to 4.0 ounces per square yard.

Claim 20 (currently amended). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the air passageways provide means for induce forming lather when said imaged nonwoven fabric is agitated in a surfactant-containing environment.

Claim 21 (original). An imaged nonwoven fabric of claim 20, wherein the imaged nonwoven fabric is a facial cleaning product.

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